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SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS MADE THEREOF

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RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003 please reconsider the
application in view of the following.

REMARKS

I. Regarding the Requirement for Restriction

Examiner requires, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.499, restriction to a single invention
from among the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-8;

Group II, Claims 9 and 10; and

Group III, Claims 11 and 12.

Examiner's position is that the claims lack a single general inventive concept
because Claim 11 is anticipated or obvious over U.S. Patent 4,339,371.

Applicants request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction.